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We consider it due to those subscribers who have favored us with their subscriptions, previous to the publication of our club rates, that they should have the privileges of the list. They can therefore send us subscriptions for any or all of the publications named at the reduced double rates, less \$4, the subscription price of "SCIENCE."

We have studiously avoided occupying the pages of this journal with personal reference to its progress, but the conclusion of the first volume appears to be an appropriate moment to offer a few words on this subject, and to acknowledge our obligations to those, who, by their subscriptions or literary contributions, have aided in making "SCIENCE" a success.

A selection from the letters addressed to us by scientific investigators, approving of the management of the journal, or containing congratulations for the future, would fill the pages of this number; having only a column at our service, we make but one reference, which appears to epitomize all previous communications.

In a letter recently received from the last President of the Association for the Advancement of Science, Professor GEORGE F. BARKER, are these words:

"I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the success of "SCIENCE." The numbers which I have seen have been creditable to all concerned."

With this testimony to the standing of the journal from so severe a critic and one so eminently capable of forming an opinion of what a scientific journal should be, we might be well content to rest, but being fully aware that better results may be attained, our unremitting efforts in the future will be directed to secure a still higher standard, and more perfect development of the various departments.

We would remind specialists, who desire to see certain branches more fully represented in "SCIENCE," how much may be accomplished by individual efforts,

As an instance, we may refer to our astronomical department, which already reflects the high attainments and *esprit de corps* of those following this line of research.

Twenty-six weeks only have elapsed since our first number was issued, of which period the first half was a time of recreation and rest, when few were within reach of our announcements; it is therefore a subject of congratulation that in so short a time our pages show a vitality indicative of a journal which has existed years rather than a few weeks.

It is a pleasure to find on our subscription list the names of so many representative scientific men, both of the United States and Canada, while all the leading Universities and Colleges of this country receive "SCIENCE" through members of their faculties. This journal is also now circulating in England, France, Germany and Italy.

We have placed several pages weekly at the service of the Smithsonian Institution, and are willing to increase the number of our sheets as the matter awaits publication. This offer has been so far accepted, that arrangements are in progress, by which the difficulty of compilation may be overcome.

We have demonstrated that a really scientific weekly journal can be conducted without conflicting with the old established monthlies, which have their special field of usefulness, and when the editor of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SCIENCE (which may be considered one of the institutions of this country) sent us his good wishes for success, we accepted his greeting in all sincerity.

England, France, Germany and Italy, have each their representative weekly scientific journal. Is there an American scientist with so poor an opinion of the scientific work of his country, or of his fellow workers, as to think the same convenience for the United States superfluous?

"SCIENCE" has received a welcome and strong support far beyond the expectations of the editor; but it must be apparent to all that the personal co-operation of every scientific man, in the future, will not only insure the permanency of the publication, but increase its usefulness and value; let all, then, who are interested in the promotion and advancement of science in the United States, whether professionally engaged or as student, or amateur, feel that one and all are invited to assist in the work.

Those who are acquainted with journalism must be aware that the capital employed in this enterprise has been advanced for the best interests of science rather than for speculative purposes. The editor, therefore, in making this appeal for general co-operation, feels that he may do so without danger of misinterpretation of his motives.